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Israel Proclaimed State by Jews; Armies Move to Meet Threat of Arab Invasion As British Leave

Gen. Cunningham To Sail Tonight At Mandate End

BULLETIN
LAKE SUCCESS (AP).—The Political Committee of the special Palestine Assembly voted today to send a United Nations mediator to the Holy Land. The vote was 37 to 0, with 15 abstentions.

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By the Associated Press

TEL AVIV, Palestine, May 14.—The state of Israel, first Hebrew nation in 2,000 years, was born today in a Jewish declaration of independence asserting the "historic right" of the Jews of Palestine to reconstitute their national home.

The proclamation by the National Council is effective at one minute after midnight (6:01 p.m. EDT), when Britain's 31-year rule of the Holy Land ends. The British high commissioner already has left Palestine for a British cruiser, and the British mandate government has left the Holy City of Jerusalem. While Jewish forces and soldiers of the surrounding Arab countries prepared for war, the Jews proclaimed their "right to a life of dignity, freedom and labor." The declaration said this right was recognized by the United Nations.

Threats on Three Fronts.
The Arab League, meanwhile, planned to set up an administration—not a state—of their own in Palestine to function with occupying Arab forces if and when Palestine is invaded.

(In London, the Arab Office declared the termination of the British mandate had created a disastrous situation in the Holy Land, but "will at least give the Arabs the opportunity which they have never had until now of resisting the invaders face to face and without the intervention of a foreign power which has hitherto given them its protection.")

(The general secretariat of the Arab League has proclaimed a state of war existing with Palestine Jewry.)

Arabs Win First Real Victory.
As the Jewish state was born, the Arabs wrested their first real victory in Palestine. Arab, neutral and Jewish sources confirmed that Arab legionnaires, supported by 2,000 tribesmen from the Hebron Hills, wiped out four Jewish colonies in the Kfar Etzion bloc south of Jerusalem, thwarting the Arab invasion route from the south.

The informants said 200 died in the battle, which ended last night. A number of prisoners were taken, including four physicians who were parachuted to aid the wounded yesterday.

The Jewish Agency, declaring the Arabs had killed prisoners of war despite promises of adherence to international law, had urged the

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19 Held in Hijacking Of \$3,000,000 in Gold

BANGKOK, Siam, May 14.—Police announced today 19 persons, including a retired police captain, are under arrest in the hijacking of a \$3,000,000 gold shipment.

Police have recovered \$316,000 worth of the gold, stolen yesterday. A gang of 20 or 30 men swooped down on the shipment, bound for a customs house, and overpowered the guards.

Juliana Becomes Regent

THE HAGUE, Netherlands, May 14 (AP).—In a 10-minute ceremony, Crown Princess Juliana was sworn in today as regent of the kingdom. She will handle most of the duties of Queen Wilhelmina and become Queen when Wilhelmina abdicates September 6.

Report That Gen. Smith Will Resign Is Denied

NORMAN THOMAS SAYS Marshall Committed Serious Error on Russia. Page A-2.

The State Department today denied reports that American Ambassador Walter Bedell Smith has informed the department he wants to return to Washington and resign his post in Moscow.

Gen. Smith left Moscow the first of this week for a vacation and fishing trip in France.

Michael J. McDermott, State Department press officer, was asked about the reports concerning Gen. Smith at a news conference.

The Ambassador, who had not informed the State Department of any wish to return to Washington or to resign, Mr. McDermott said. He added that obviously Gen. Smith could come home if he wants to, but that "we have no knowledge of any special plans, and so far as we know, he expects to return to Moscow."

In an earlier edition of The Star today, a story by Constantine Brown stated that Gen. Smith was reported to have informed the State Department that he did not wish to return to Moscow and wanted to resign.

Voluntary Inflation Curb Steps Urged by Taft Economic Group

Moderate Profits Policy by Business, Reasonable Wage Attitude by Labor Advised

By the Associated Press

The Congressional Economic Committee said today business "can and should adopt moderate price and profits policies" and labor "reasonable wage attitudes" to cut living costs.

"If the private decisions as to wages and prices are not made in the public interest, actions of Government alone will be largely nullified," the Senate-House group said in its formal report to Congress. The document covers a coast-to-coast study last fall of "the high prices of consumer goods."

The committee, headed by Senator Taft, Republican of Ohio, makes 10 recommendations aimed at achieving a stable economy. The report puts emphasis on voluntary measures, and in general, steers clear of legal controls at this time.

A resolution by Senator Baldwin, Republican of Connecticut, authorized the committee's study. Senator Baldwin is not a member of the full committee, but did serve by invitation on a subcommittee.

"Because I believe that the threat of prices and inflation is still very much with us even though somewhat clouded over by other pressing concerns, I had hoped that these recommendations of the committee would be somewhat more comprehensive."

"However, it was clear that this was the widest common ground on which the committee could agree."

By its stress on voluntary steps, the Republican-controlled group differed once again with President Truman, who repeatedly has asked for standby power to impose wage-price controls and rationing on a limited scale.

In fact, the report hints that the committee believes inflation has been

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One-Year Extension Of Trade Act Voted By House Committee

Veto Power for Congress Is Included; 'Sabotage' Charged by Democrats

By the Associated Press

The House Ways and Means Committee today approved a one-year extension of the Reciprocal Trade Act.

It carried an amendment giving Congress veto power if the President exceeds certain bounds in making trade treaties.

The committee approved the Republican-backed measure by a strict party line vote of 15 to 9. Democrats contended the legislation would "sabotage" the reciprocal trade program.

Extension 'As Is' Rejected.
The committee, also on a 15-9 party line vote, rejected a motion by Representative Doughton, Democrat, of North Carolina which would have extended the Trade Act, "as is," to the end of the world.

Secretary of State Marshall appealed to Congress last week to continue the act in its present form. He described it as the basis of America's foreign economic policy and said that to backtrack on this program would amount to a surrender of world economic leadership by the United States.

Ways and Means Chairman Knutson said the legislation will be brought to the House floor Tuesday for a vote. The present act expires June 12.

Move Condemned at Meeting.
The one-year extension move brought condemnation from business, farm, labor, veteran and public affairs organizations meeting at the Mayflower Hotel today under sponsorship of the Citizens' Committee for Reciprocal Information.

Gerard Swope, chairman of the meeting and former head of General Electric Corp., called the Republican action a "reckless course," and said that "today will become a Black Friday in the annals of American world leadership" unless public opinion discredits the GOP action. He said the move amounted to a "scuttling" of a "considered."

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Late News Bulletin

STOCKS RISE \$1 TO \$4

NEW YORK (AP).—Buying orders flooded the stock market today, sending prices of leading shares up \$1 to \$4. The ticker fell behind transactions in the face of one of the fastest rallies in months. By noon 1,090,000 shares had changed hands and \$2,810,000 worth of bonds were sold.

Democrats' Infield 'Practically Settled'

"Nothing to it," declared Representative Dick Richards, scotch-ing a rumor of dissension in the camp of the Democratic baseball team that will tangle with the Republicans a week from tonight in Griffith Stadium. It was bruited about that everybody on the team wanted to pitch.

"You couldn't blame 'em for wanting to throw against a team as blind as the Republicans," Mr. Richards said. "Almost anybody would look like Walter Johnson against them, but it isn't so. Why, we've practically got our infield settled with Laurie Battle of Alabama, George Smathers of Florida and Almie Fogarty of Rhode Island ready to play."

"Haven't decided just where I'll use 'em, but they're all young fellows with plenty of get-up-and-go, and if anything gets through them I'll be awfully surprised—and disappointed."

Rain washed out both scheduled practice sessions yesterday, but the Republicans came up with a

big mitt. Having the judge on first takes a big worry off my mind."

Judge Howell has one claim to fame shared by no other participant in last year's game, which the Republicans won, 16-13. He

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Tickets for Ball Game On Sale in Star Lobby

Tickets for the Congressional baseball game at Griffith Stadium at 8 p.m. May 21, can be purchased by mail should send checks made out to The Evening Star Building.

The scale of prices is \$1 for general admission, \$1.25 for reserved seats and \$2 for box seats, tax included.

Those desiring to make reservations by mail should send checks made out to The Evening Star and address them to Congressional Ball Game, Room 724, The Evening Star Building.

President Urges Flexible Farm Price Supports

Four-Point Program On Permanent Basis Needed Now, He Says

By Joseph A. Fox

President Truman today asked Congress to establish a system of flexible price supports for agricultural commodities on a permanent basis. He outlined a four-point program which he said "should be enacted as promptly as possible" to promote farm prosperity.

In a special message, which was looked on as a bid for the farm vote in November, Mr. Truman pointed out that the present support programs expire December 31, and that in two earlier messages he has urged extension.

The Republican-controlled House Agriculture Committee is proposing to continue the support program only for a year, but the Senate Agriculture Committee on Wednesday laid down a long-range farm plan calling for a revision of the present price support system.

Farmers Seen in Uncertainty.

The President declared that results of the existing support program have been "nothing less than remarkable" in spurring production. But he asserted that with the program expiring at the end of the year and Congress taking no definite action yet, "farmers do not know what levels of price support or what methods of support will apply to large portions of many crops already planted or to others which must soon be planted."

The situation regarding milk and livestock products, for which he said farmers must plan long in advance, is likewise clouded. In addition, support proposals, Mr. Truman urged:

1. Continuation and expansion of the soil conservation program.

2. Continuation and strengthening of programs designed to insure adequate consumption of agricultural products.

3. Measures designed to assist farmers "to meet their special problems" particularly in the field of farm co-operatives and crop insurance.

Backs Soil Conservation.

Mr. Truman did not recommend, as Agriculture Department officials had hoped, a boost of \$75,000,000 in the \$225,000,000 soil conservation fund proposed by the GOP Congress, although he urged that the program be expanded. In his January budget message, the President urged \$300,000,000 for soil subsidies to farmers.

Mr. Truman declared that "all the measures I have recommended are essential for the future welfare of American agriculture," and he added that "it must be our firm purpose to maintain an increasingly healthy, productive and prosperous agriculture."

He asserted that "the fundamental national policy underlying our agricultural legislation has been and should continue to be one of organized, sustained, realistic abundance."

In advocating a permanent and flexible price support program, Mr. Truman said this would provide a "policy geared to our improved farm economy."

He pointed out that there must be many shifts in production and "flexible price supports will help us make them in an orderly manner."

Cites Timber Land Depletion.
In arguing for continuance and expansion of soil conservation, he pointed out that "great progress" has been made in this area, but

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\$2,000 Reported Taken In Lansburgh Robbery

Nearly \$2,000 in cash and checks was stolen from a sixth-floor counter in Lansburgh's department store, Eighth and E streets N.W., about 6 p.m. yesterday, it was reported to police today.

Joshua P. Stedehouder, the store's credit manager, said a green metal box taken from the counter contained \$1,111.55 in cash, \$814.05 in checks and a \$40 cash-refund slip.

The measure provides that the long-sought building be built on District-owned property bounded by Constitution avenue, John Marshall place, Third street and C street N.W. The site now is under lease as a parking lot.

The structure will house District Court and the United States Court of Appeals. Its cost will be split equally between the Federal and District Governments. The District will receive a credit of \$2,420,000 by contributing the site and will pay the balance over a period of 25 years.

Westinghouse Reduces Radio Prices 13 to 20%

By the Associated Press

SUNBURY, Pa., May 14.—Westinghouse today reduced prices from 13 to 20 per cent on five radio sets. A table model with standard and frequency modulation bands was cut from \$69.95 to \$59.95. The reduction ranged up to \$125 for a console set formerly selling for \$625.

F. M. Sloan, manager of the Westinghouse home radio division, said the price cuts were made possible by improved manufacturing methods.



The President Goes Into Training for His Non-Political Western Trip

Death of Kennedy's Daughter In French Air Crash Confirmed

British Earl Also Dies When Craft Strikes Mountain in Storm

By the Associated Press

PRIVAS, France, May 14.—Kathleen Lady Hartington, daughter of Joseph P. Kennedy, former American Ambassador to Britain, was found dead today in the wreckage of a chartered two-engine plane which crashed last night in a storm on a flight from London to the Riviera.

Lord Fitzwilliam, a British sportsman, and two members of the crew also were killed.

A search party reported all the plane's occupants were found in their places. Lady Hartington was stretched on her back and appeared to have been asleep. She had a long cut on one side of her face.

The fuselage of the Dove plane, owned by Skyways Ltd. of London, was found lying horizontally on the rocks of an 1,800-foot mountain. The right wing was 300 yards behind it and an engine about 300 yards in front.

Lady Hartington, 28, was the

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Pepco Will Ask PUC For General Boost In Electric Rates

Increase Would Add 10 Cents Per Week to Average \$3-a-Month Bill

The Potomac Electric Power Co. will ask the Public Utilities Commission next week for a general increase in electric rates here, a Pepco official revealed today.

The increase, if granted by the PUC after public hearings, would add 10 cents a week to the bill of a householder who pays an average of \$3 a month for his electricity, A. G. Neal, Pepco president, said.

The Pepco brief is expected to be filed with the PUC at the District Building Monday. Mr. Neal had informed the commission on March 26 that the company would have to ask for an increase in electric rates because of insufficient income to meet rising operating costs.

He said today that the increased operating costs were due largely to the rise in coal prices in the last two years. Pepco uses coal almost exclusively to generate power.

Truman Signs Measure Authorizing Courthouse

President Truman signed today a bill authorizing construction of a new Federal Courthouse here at a maximum cost of \$19,665,000.

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51 New York Boys Denied Trip To D.C. in Revolt on Segregation

The Washington sightseeing tour of 51 schoolboys from New York who were to join about 16,000 other School Safety Patrol members in a parade on Constitution avenue tomorrow—has been called off because of a New York rebellion against the District's segregation practices.

Four of the boys in the group are Negroes. Morris D'Avol, American Automobile Association official, who is in charge of the parade and rally arrangements, said he was notified by Dr. William Jansen, superintendent of the New York City schools, that the trip had been canceled, but that there had been no previous discussion of the matter and that the cancellation was unexpected.

Mr. D'Avol explained that, in light of the segregated policy followed by Washington's hotels, the AAA had arranged for the four colored boys to stay at the Dunbar Hotel. This policy was followed in the case of other groups that were bringing colored boys and girls for the parade, he added.

Dr. Jansen said the reason for the withdrawal was because "it would not be possible in some instances for schoolmates to dine together in Washington restaurants and to live in public buildings to happen there because their skin happens to be a different color."

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Minnesota Calls Out Guard After Meat Strike Raid

One Plant Wrecked, 30 Hostages Seized By Mob of 200 Men

BULLETIN

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP).—The Minnesota National Guard was called out today by Gov. Luther Youngdahl for duty at strikebound packing plants in Newport and South St. Paul, scenes of strike violence. Adj. Gen. Elard Walsh said a "substantial task force" would get strike assignments. He indicated motorized and mechanized units would be sent to the two towns.

By the Associated Press

NEWPORT, Minn., May 14.—A mob estimated at 200 men forced its way into the strikebound Cudahy & Co. packing plant during the night, damaged the interior, set free several thousand dollars worth of hogs and carried away 30 plant workers as hostages.

The plant is located in this town of 900, across the Mississippi River from South St. Paul where police and sheriff's deputies yesterday battled CIO packing house workers in an unsuccessful attempt to open picket lines around plants strikebound since March 16.

Several of the 17 officers were struck and two were knocked down in the battling.

The situation in South St. Paul was reported as tense but temporarily quiet today.

R. J. Swenson, general manager of the Newport Cudahy plant, gave this account of last night's raid: "About 11:15 p.m. an estimated 200 men—some of them Cudahy workers on strike—entered the plant."

Plant Plunged in Darkness. "First the main power switch was pulled, plunging the plant into darkness. Then a room where some of our men were sleeping was entered. Cots on which they rested were broken up and some windows smashed."

On some of the stock pens were broken and 110 hogs, valued at about \$6,000 were set free. "A new car belonging to one of the plant engineers was tipped over and the windows of one side and the windshield were broken."

The plant boilers were turned off but apparently there was no serious damage done to them. "Then about 30 of the 50 to 60 men who were on duty in the plant were herded into cars and taken away. At 6 a.m. Mr. Swenson said about 11 or 12 of the missing men had been accounted for."

Two in Hospital.
"These men were apparently taken out 'into the hills.' A number of men were hurt in the plant. Two of them are hospitalized and several have been treated for cuts and bruises."

"The entry into the plant appeared well planned. We found a round, heavy club that one of the men who came into the plant probably used."

Mr. Swenson went to the plant early this morning with Sheriff Reuben Granquist. The manager said a survey was being made of the damage to determine the total damage. He added that none of the damage seemed to be of a nature that would seriously impair operations.

Mr. Swenson said he would ask Gov. Luther W. Youngdahl to call out the National Guard. "This has exceeded the stage at which we can work through court orders," he added.

Governor Willing to Use Guard.
Gov. Youngdahl said later at St. Paul he was prepared to call out the National Guard if such a written request is made by the sheriffs of Dakota and Washington Counties. The Cudahy plant is located in Washington County. The Armour and Swift & Co. plants, where there were disturbances the past two days, are located in Dakota County. The Governor said he had told the sheriffs that if they would say that law and order had broken down in their counties and they could not handle the situation, then he would be prepared to call out the Guard.

Both sheriffs arrived at the Capitol a few minutes later and went into conference with Maj. Gen. Elard A. Walsh, Minnesota adjutant general.

Union Denies Guard Is Needed.
District office No. 2 of the Packing House Workers issued the following statement early today: "The CIO Packing House Workers are fighting for their jobs and for

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Cloudiness and Showers Forecast, With High of 70

Continued cloudiness, with a few showers, was the Weather Bureau forecast for the District today.

The temperature will reach a high of about 70 degrees, according to the prediction, and will drop to about 53 degrees tonight.

Sunny weather, with a temperature high of about 70, will follow tomorrow, and Sunday also will be fair, the forecast said.

The temperature dropped from a high of 77 at 4:54 p.m. yesterday to 56 at 11:55 p.m.

Sunday Reading . . .

Should the Republicans fail to agree on one of the favored presidential candidates, political strategists would not be too surprised to see Speaker Martin become his party's compromise choice. His chances are studied in Sunday's Editorial Section by Gould Lincoln.

In companion pieces, Staff Writer Francis P. Douglas examines the inner machinery of the World Bank and Foreign Correspondent David M. Nichol contributes a revealing dispatch from Warsaw, tracing the evolution of new Poland.

These and other articles of timeliness, plus special coverage of the new books, farming and gardening, amusements, society, music, sports, art, etc., round out the usual thorough and accurate news content of

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